

265—27.2 (16) Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Closing agent*” means the attorney, real estate firm, or closing company that is closing the cash sale qualifying purchase transaction and that prepares the cash sale settlement statement.

“*Eligible service member*” means a person purchasing his or her primary residence in the state of Iowa who, at the time of applying for a grant under the program, (1) is or was a member of the national guard, reserve, or regular component of the armed forces of the United States under Title 10 or Title 32 and has served at least 90 days of active duty service, other than training, beginning on or after September 11, 2001, and, if no longer in active service, was discharged in character other than dishonorable; (2) was honorably discharged due to injuries incurred while on active federal service beginning on or after September 11, 2001; or (3) is a surviving spouse of a service member who met the eligibility criteria of (1) or (2) above.

“*Home ownership assistance*” means the one-time assistance of up to \$5,000 per eligible service member that may be used toward down payment or closing costs, or both, in the purchase of a qualified home. This assistance does not require repayment except pursuant to rule 265—27.4(16).

“*Participating lender*” means a lender approved for participation in one or more of the authority’s home buyer programs and a lender approved to facilitate loans under the military home ownership assistance program only. Eligible home buyer program participating lenders are those that make available the authority’s home buyer program to customers in the same manner as other mortgage loan programs. This requirement applies to branch and affiliate organizations that facilitate mortgage financing with the military assistance. The authority may require participating lenders to provide evidence of proof of compliance, such as origination of mortgage loans made pursuant to one or more of the authority’s home buyer mortgage programs or mortgage rate sheets evidencing availability of the authority’s mortgage programs. The authority maintains a list of participating lenders on its Web site: www.iowafinanceauthority.gov.

“*Program*” or “*military home ownership assistance program*” or “*MHOA*” means the military service member home ownership assistance program authorized by Iowa Code section 16.54 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, House File 2148.

“*Qualified home*” means a home that is located in the state of Iowa, that is purchased by an eligible service member as the service member’s primary residence, that will be immediately occupied by the service member or spouse, and that falls into one of the following categories:

1. Single-family residence, including “stick-built” homes, modular homes, or manufactured homes, provided the home is attached to a permanent foundation and is taxed as real estate;
2. Condominium;
3. Townhome;
4. A property containing two to four residential units, where one unit is to be occupied by the eligible service member as his or her primary residence.

The following categories of property shall not constitute a qualified home:

- Multifamily properties of five units or more;
- Commercial or nonresidential property;
- Farmland or other investment property;
- Recreational vehicles, mobile homes, or trailers that are not both attached to a permanent foundation and taxed as real estate.

“Qualified mortgage” means a permanent mortgage loan made pursuant to one of the authority’s home buyer mortgage programs unless the lender offers a lower annual percentage interest rate (APR), fixed-rate, fully amortizing first mortgage or, in cases where the home buyer is not eligible for standard 30-year, fixed-rate FHA, RD, VA, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac mortgage financing, any permanent, fully amortizing mortgage loan made by a participating lender with a maturity date of not less than five years. The authority’s home buyer mortgage program information may be obtained on the authority’s Web site at www.iowafinanceauthority.gov.

“Status documentation” means written documentation of the applicant’s status with the armed forces of the United States, typically a copy of a valid DD Form 214, showing character of service other than dishonorable, or the applicant’s most recent four months of leave and earnings statements.

“Title guaranty certificate” means the certificate issued by the title guaranty division of the authority pursuant to Iowa Code section 16.92 to ensure marketable title to the lender or the homeowner, or both. Information about title guaranty may be obtained at the title guaranty Web site at www.iowafinanceauthority.gov.

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